

**To:** Ferrell, Mark[Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov]  
**From:** Barnard, Brian  
**Sent:** Wed 2/18/2015 11:23:43 PM  
**Subject:** RE: CSX derailment update #2

Mark – Thank you! This is good news so far – we are all keeping our fingers crossed.

**From:** Ferrell, Mark [mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 6:23 PM  
**To:** Barnard, Brian  
**Subject:** Re: CSX derailment update #2

Hello Brian

So far, testing on water samples is non-detect. The boil water advisory issued by DHHR is just standard procedure anytime an intake is closed and pumps shut down.

The weather - ice in particular - is complicating visual surveillance but we continue round the clock. About 5000 gals of oil/water mixture has been picked up by vac truck in small standing pools and such.

More detailed update tomorrow.

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 18, 2015, at 5:59 PM, Barnard, Brian <[Brian.Barnard@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brian.Barnard@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hi Mark,

Do you have any updates on EPA testing in the area of the CSX derailment or downstream?

Thanks again for all of your help.

Best,

Brian

**From:** Ferrell, Mark [<mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 17, 2015 6:42 PM

**Subject:** CSX derailment update #2

**Good evening**

**Water intakes were re-opened based on the observations of the responders that little oil is in the Kanawha River. In addition, river samples taken last night came back today with no detection of crude oil. Samples will continue to be taken with WV American Water analyzing for hydrocarbons and EPA independently analyzing for VOCs, SVOCs, and PAHs. There are four separate sample locations where EPA contractors collected split samples along with WVDEP. Next round of EPA sampling results are expected Wednesday evening.**

**Boat assessment has revealed some oil on top of ice in the river with some visible staining. CSX has initiated efforts to trench and contain the visible oil. CXS has deployed a vac truck and skimmer where the visible oil is located. It is confirmed that none of the derailed cars landed in the river.**

**This afternoon (2/17/15) EPA met with Governor Tomblin, General Hoyer of Army National Guard and Randy Huffman of WVDEP at the Montgomery Fire Department and provided updates and answered questions. EPA is rotating on-site coordinators to continue to provide 24 hour engagement.**

**~Mark**

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